

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street, Rushville Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, Aaron Gurley, and Megan Bradley answered roll call.

**MINUTES:** Marzon moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. The Board of Works approved naming Wayne Munson Fire Chief; Mike Justice Deputy Fire Chief; and Josh Brown as the Deputy Chief Medical.
2. The Board of Works approved the recommendation of Chief Tucker to name Caitlin Smith Detective as of February 15.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – The Board of Works passed a resolution allowing the Mayor to approve Indot change orders for the Morgan Street Project within the guidelines of the resolution.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Roll out is set for February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Progress is being made.

**N Washington Street** -We need a place to for water retention. We have been in discussion with the Fair Board regarding trading a section of property. They are meeting tonight to discuss our option.

- **ECDC** – John McCane reported that the Redevelopment Commission will meet Monday to begin procedures for HOTIF. The School Board has agreed to HOTIF.
- **Chery Street Extension** – This continues through the legal process.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Munson reported that the ISO did their assessment last Tuesday. There are a few areas that need a little attention. We should receive our report in about 3 weeks. Munson thanked Chuck Jenkins, Chris Keith, and the Utilities for their help.

**Park** – Director Burklow said they are finishing up details for the Gala.

Cameron Tree Service has been trimming trees on 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Labyrinth has been ordered for the CJD Park. It should be delivered by the end of February. Vogels will install weather permitting.

**Code Enforcement** – We are going through the bid process for 220 West 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bids will be open March 3.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Street Light Project – 3 Outstanding Locations** – One of the property owners should be in this Thursday to sign documents.
2. **Non-City Property at Point 44 and Old 44** – Newhouse has prepared documentation and Jackie Duke is reviewing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Trane SB1 Tax Abatement** – Amy Kissell presented a request for tax abatement for new equipment at Trane. McCane discussed the documentation. Council was given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the process. Berkemeier said he would like to see us look at shorter abatement periods. He said sometimes after a few years there is no benefit to anyone. A 10 year abatement isn't always necessary. Berkemeier moved to approve the SB1 along with the Declaratory Resolution 2020- 6 as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2020-4 Bidding and Purchasing Requirements** – Council needs to review.

3. **City of Rushville 501.C.3** – We have reviewed and asked Newhouse to make changes for further discussion and review.
4. **Resolution 2020-04 Support of Rush County Digital Inclusion Plan 2020-2025** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2020-4 as presented. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.